

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	
v.)	Criminal No. 01-455-A
)	
ZACARIAS MOUSSAOUI)	
a/k/a "Shaqil,")	
a/k/a "Abu Khalid)	
al Sahrawi,")	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER

Pursuant to our Order of September 27, 2002, the United States has advised the Court of its proposed redactions to the defendant's pro se pleadings docketed as #s 980, 981, 983, 985, 986, 987, 988, 993, 994, 995 and 996. Finding that most of the proposed redactions strike the proper balance between the public's right to access records in criminal cases and the United States' legitimate concerns about the defendant's ability to use his pleadings inappropriately to communicate with the outside world, as well as to accommodate the United States' national security interests, it is hereby

ORDERED that the defendant's pro se pleadings docketed as #s 980, 981, 983, 985, 986, 987, 988, 993, 994, 995 and 996 be and are unsealed with the indicated redactions.

The United States further requests that the defendant's pro se pleading docketed as #998 be maintained entirely under seal or be stricken contending that the pleading does not contain a

request for appropriate judicial relief; but, rather, reflects an effort by the defendant to use the court as a vehicle through which to communicate messages to the outside world in violation of the Special Administrative Measures governing the conditions of his confinement.

Finding that the pleading docketed as #998 is an incomprehensible ranting inappropriate for the public record,¹ the United States' request is GRANTED; and it is hereby

ORDERED that the defendant's pro se pleading docketed as #998 be maintained entirely under seal.

The Clerk is directed to forward copies of this Order to the defendant, pro se; counsel for the United States; and standby defense counsel.

Entered this 14th day of August, 2003.

/s/

Leonie M. Brinkema
United States District Judge

Alexandria, Virginia

¹Despite numerous warnings, the defendant continues to file "pleadings" replete with inappropriate, inflammatory and irrelevant rhetoric. Substantively, many of his filings merely repeat arguments already made and do not request appropriate judicial relief. At this critical stage in the proceedings, the defendant is wasting the Court's limited resources, as well as those of counsel, by continuing to file such meritless and repetitive pleadings.